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## NEW PHASE OF MILL STRIKE

**Big Portland Bakeries are  
to Close down.**

**RUN SHORT OF BOXES**

**Agitators Start Work of Organiz-  
ing Millmen of the  
Sound.**

**POWER PLANTS MAY CLOSE**

**Lack of Sawdust for Fuel Keenly Felt  
—Two Thousand Men Out in Port-  
land—Strike May Spread to Puget  
Sound.**

PORTLAND, March 12.—By the end of the week the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, the Western Baking Company, a linseed oil refinery and about a dozen smaller manufacturing establishments in the city will be closed on account of the mill worker's strike.

The bakeries cannot get boxes to ship their products and the lack of sawdust fuel is keenly felt.

By the end of the week it is estimated that the present army of idlers thrown out of work by the closing of local mills will be increased by another regiment; or, more than that, there will be between 8000 and 4000 idle men and women in Portland. It is difficult to estimate the industrial loss resulting from the idleness of those thrown out of work, but it is supposed to be not far from \$250,000 every 30 days. This will be most seriously missed by the general trade, for practically all this money is put in circulation as soon as received, and it forms one of the most important parts of the city's working capital.

The sound will soon be tied up, according to local leaders of the striking millworkers. Today Organizer Yarwood said that the Sound millworkers had sent word that they were going to demand better wages and shorter hours, and that while it had been deemed best by the leaders here to confine their energies to Portland for a time, still the Sound workers were their own bosses and could go it alone if they desired. There are already a number of strong I. W. W. locals on the Sound, and National organizers are in charge of the work there. The strike will start off under better organization than was here, and though the territory is larger and more mills will be involved, it is prophesied here that the mill industry of the Sound will be as effectively stopped in 10 days as is Portland's.

### MYSTERIOUS GERMAN DUEL.

BERLIN, March 12.—A mysterious duel was fought yesterday in the Grunewald, near Berlin. One of the participants, Captain von Behrens, was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. The mystery attaches to his opponent. It was stated that he was a personage of high rank but his identity has been concealed. There is no explanation of the cause. The duel was fought with pistols.

### CAN OBTAIN AMMUNITION.

Is Not As Closely Guarded As De-  
clared.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—That the ammunition used in the Infantry rifles is not guarded closely as has been claimed by the discharged negro soldiers and that it is possible for

soldiers to obtain extra ammunition was brought out in a Brownsville inquiry before the Committee on Military Affairs. This testimony was given by Captain Kilburn of the 26 Infantry which regiment preceded the negro soldiers of the 25th at Fort Brown. The same witness declared the citizens of Brownsville made threats they would run negro troops out of town if they were brought there to supplant the white troops and on this point he was corroborated by Lieut. Thompson, who was quartermaster of the same regiment at Fort Brown.

### WOULD HANG ROBBERS.

Iowa Mob Angered at Ousting of In-  
dicting Grand Jury.

CHICAGO, March 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Manchester, Ia., says: The state militia was called out early today to guard two bank robbers arrested for blowing up the bank at Masonville, March 6, from mob violence and Sheriff John Hennessy has asked the governor for more aid. Company D is now on guard with instructions to shoot. The action followed the ousting of the grand jury today which was declared illegal, and which therefore cannot indict the men held. Angry citizens formed a mob and are bent on lynching the men.

### SPANISH ELECTION BATTLE.

MADRID, March 12.—The only trouble reported in Spain as a result of the elections occurred at Barcelona, pitched battle as a result of which one man was killed. Several more bombs were found there yesterday.

## PROCEEDS WITH CASE

**Judge Dunne Will Impanel Jury  
to Try Abe Ruef.**

**WILL BEGIN WORK TODAY**

Only One Event Can Now Delay Trial,  
Says Heney—Ruef is Refused Bail—  
Prosecution Will Press Defense's  
Appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—If the expectation of the assistant District Attorney Heney is realized, the impaneling of the jury to try Abe Ruef for extortion will be begun in Judge Dunne's court tomorrow. Ruef's application for bail was today refused by Judge Dunne and his counsel then applied for relief to the state Supreme Court. The Chief Justice however told a representative of the Associated Press, "that it is not likely action will be taken in the matter before Thursday."

Heney said tonight he knew of only one event that could further delay the trial and that would be in case Judge Dunne should declare himself to be an unfair judge to try Ruef.

An important move was made today by the prosecution. Ruef has not yet perfected an appeal to the federal supreme court for a permanent writ of error prohibiting Judge Dunne from further hearing of the Ruef case, as he has sixty days in which to do it. The prosecution therefore perfected Ruef's appeal and today notified the supreme court at Washington that on March 25 attorney McKenney of that city will move the court to docket and dismiss the appeal on the ground that the supreme court has no jurisdiction, there being no federal question involved.

### BRITISH SHOOT WELL.

LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch from Hongkong reports that the British China squadron has achieved a world's record in light quick firing practice. The cruiser King Alfred made twenty hits in thirty eight rounds from three pounders and 100 hits in 143 rounds from 12 pounders.

## IMPORTANT POINT WON

**Jerome Secures Admission  
of New Testimony.**

**GIVEN BY JAMES SMITH**

**Continues Attack on Story Told  
By the Prisoner's  
Wife.**

**END OF TRIAL APPROACHING**

Each Side Will Be Given One Day For  
Summing Up—Prosecuting Attorney  
Jerome Attempts to Prove Alibi  
For White.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The end of the Thaw trial at last seems to be in sight. Tentative plans for the final stages of the trial were agreed on today by the counsel even to the detail of allotting the time for summing up.

District Attorney Jerome has at last burned all bridges behind him leading to a lunacy commission and is irrevocably pointing his course to proving that Thaw was sane when he shot White and being sane his crime constituted murder in the first degree. Within two weeks the case should be in the hands of the jury.

Jerome played today probably the strongest card he holds, the evidence which came to his knowledge but a few days ago and which undoubtedly caused him to abandon the idea of trying to send White's slayer to the mad house and try for a straight out conviction under the criminal statutes. The evidence came from Mrs. White's brother, James C. Smith, who told a remarkably succinct story of a long conversation he had with Thaw just before the shooting. Delmas fought bitterly the introduction of this testimony for nearly two hours today, renewing his argument begun yesterday afternoon. He insisted Smith was properly a witness in chief and should not be allowed to testify in rebuttal. Jerome replied he only recently ascertained the value of Smith's testimony and he appealed to the court to allow the testimony to go in. Judge Fitzgerald held in the interest of justice that the jury is entitled to know all the facts. It was one of the most serious blows the judge had dealt the defense since the trial began.

A photographer named Rudolf Eemeyer who took pictures of Evelyn Thaw which had been introduced in evidence was the last witness of the day Jerome tried to fix dates of certain pictures for which Evelyn posed, thus hoping to establish the day she says she had the experience with Stanford White. Delmas objected on the ground that the evidence tended to contradict Mrs. Thaw's story. Jerome said he had decided to take advantage of the waiver of Delmas made at the beginning of the trial in regard to the rebutting of Mrs. Thaw's testimony. "If you will let me fix the date of these pictures" he said, heatedly, "I will show that on the night following the day they were taken, when Mrs. Thaw says she was ruined by White, she was not at the Twenty Fourth street house at all."

Jerome fairly shouted the last words and pounded the table before him. Delmas said he must stand on his objection and it was sustained.

He then moved that the District Attorney's "improper remarks to which he had given much emphasis of voice and gesture" be stricken from the records. Jerome retorted by asking the court to instruct the jury that the

alleged ravishment or non-ravishment of Evelyn Nesbit had nothing to do with the case. Judge Fitzgerald admonished the jurors to pay no attention to the remarks of the counsel. It was after this conflict that the agreement as to the closing stages was reached.

Jerome said he could only produce two more witnesses, Hummel and his stenographer, besides three experts, with whom he intended to conclude the state's case. It was agreed that after the defense has put in its rebuttal, each side shall have one clear day for summing up. Then will follow the charge and consideration of the evidence by the jury.

### DREAUGHT DISAPPOINTS.

Monster British Battleship Does Not  
Come Up to Expectations.

LONDON, March 12.—According to the Chronicle today the official accounts of the Dreadnaught's behavior on her trip to Trinidad are not altogether supported by private letters.

The engines worked well, but the heat in the engine room exceeded anything ever experienced by those on board. Owing to the great size of the ship her maneuvering qualities at slow speed were not equal to those of small ships.

It is stated that the big battleship cannot keep her station with reciprocating ships at twenty knots and that for night maneuvering without lights in close formation, the ship is out of the running.

### EX-PRESIDENT DEAD.

PARIS, March 12.—Casimir Perier, ex-president of France died today.

## SHOOTS THREE MEN

**Portlander Fatally Injures Sa-  
loon Keeper After Quarrel.**

**MEN GOING FOR DOCTOR SHOT**

As Result of North End Dispute Two  
Men Are Probably Fatally Injured  
And One Slightly Hurt—Assailant  
in Prison.

PORTLAND, March 12.—As the result of a dispute of indeterminate nature between Antone Grohs, proprietor of the Spokane saloon at 315 Water street of this city, and Pete Garretts, the saloonman. James Higley and Jack Garvin sustained revolver wounds at the hands of Garretts. Grohs and Higley are probably fatally injured while Garvin has a slight flesh wound. What led up to the shooting is not definitely known, for Grohs is too badly wounded to talk much about the affair. An onlooker says that after the shot he saw Grohs and Garretts standing in front of the saloon. The saloonkeeper staggered inside the resort whereupon the assailant fired again and stood alongside the entrance to the place from where he shot Garvin and Higley as they emerged on their way to secure a doctor for the injured saloonman. Garretts fled, but was captured in the north end late last night. He attempted to draw a revolver as he police approached him, but was quickly overpowered and taken to jail.

### COLONEL SHAW DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Colonel Henry G. Shaw formerly a newspaper man and of late years connected with the custom house is dead, aged 65 years. During the stirring times on the Comstock lode Colonel Shaw was editor of the Virginia City Enterprise. He was city editor of the Call, was writer for the Stockton Independent and earlier was on the staff of the New York Sun.

Colonel Shaw was a veteran of the civil war and was wounded at Chickamauga. He also served as inspector of rifle practice in New York.

## BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION

**Terrible Disaster to the  
French Ship Iena.**

**MANY KILLED AND HURT**

**Dock and Water Littered With  
Torn Fragments of  
Bodies.**

**TORPEDO WRECKS MAGAZINES**

Repeated Explosions Following First  
Start Panic Among Crew Many of  
Whom Leap to Stone Floor of the  
Dock.

TOULON, March 17.—The powder magazines on board the French battleship Iena blew up at 1:35 this afternoon and as a result Captain Adigard commander of the battleship, Captain Vertier, chief of staff of the Mediterranean squadron and from seventy to eighty bluejackets are dead, while Rear Admiral Manceron and hundreds of men are suffering from injuries. Naval circles are aghast and the public stunned by the appalling catastrophe. The after part of the Iena was blown to pieces, and the bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions and the panic stricken workmen at the arsenal fled from the vicinity of the drydock. Scores on board the Iena jumped overboard on to the stone quays of the dock and sustained serious injuries. The primary cause of the accident was the premature explosion of a torpedo. What caused the explosion is not known, but the powder magazines were set on fire and the resulting explosions practically destroyed what is considered one of the best vessels in the French navy. The crew had finished their midday meal only a short time before and had dispersed to the various parts of the ship. Most of the men were engaged in work connected with the departure of the ship which was to occur tomorrow, but quite a large party had been detailed to attend a lecture being given forward.

The first shock shook the vessel fore and aft. It was followed immediately by others. The crew rushed wildly about the deck. Men forward attending the lecture clambered over bulwarks and jumped down, some of them onto the dock and others into the stone quay, many being fatally hurt.

Hundreds of men below decks were enshrouded in smoke and while they groped their way upward to exits became aware of suffocating fumes which caused many to fall unconscious.

Flying missiles demolished the torpedo shed of the arsenal, the engine works and pump house nearby and constituted a serious menace to the lives of those who made their way toward the battleship to begin the work of rescue. The Iena was aflame and the fire also prevented any one approaching her.

It is declared that for thirty minutes the authorities were unable to find the keys with which to open the locks to flood the drydock and submerge the ship, but when they did finally open the locks the water rushed in onto the Iena and the explosions came to an end. Amidst masses of dense smoke the search for the dead and wounded began. The lower decks of the Iena were literally covered with fragments of shattered and torn bodies, while the surrounding water is dotted with

human fragments. It is impossible to ascertain the exact number of killed and wounded until tomorrow, when the roll call will be held.

Captain Vertier occupied a cabin near the rear turret of the magazine. Immediately after the explosion he tried to get out but the door of his cabin was blocked with debris and it was impossible. After the fire was extinguished the rescuers found his incinerated body as well as the terribly burned bodies of several other officers, caught in an after cabin. Lieutenant Tercein, one of the wounded survivors, believes everybody below at the time of the accident was asphyxiated by the fumes of the powder. A hundred and fifty wounded men are being cared for in the hospitals or in their own homes.

TOULON, France, March 12.—A powder magazine on board the French battleship Iena blew up today, while the vessel was in the Marseilles dock, owing to the explosion of a compressed air torpedo. There were about 400 officers and men on board at the time of the disaster, but most of them jumped into the water. The authorities here believe that the victims number over 200.

Further explosions upon the Iena occurred every moment, and debris flew over the dockyard for a distance of 500 yards. All the windows of the workshops around the scene were broken.

The electric wires flashed in the fuses, and then broke down all about the dock.

A shell weighing 20 pounds was hurled a quarter of a mile before striking and sinking into the ground.

A complete panic prevailed among

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## WILL DISMISS SUIT

**Government to Withdraw Japanese  
Case Against California.**

**BOARD TO FULFIL 'PROMISES**

President Roosevelt Orders Suit to Be  
Withdrawn Immediately Upon Ad-  
mission of Japanese Children to all  
Public Schools.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Mayor Schmitz today telegraphed President Roosevelt that the board of school directors will tomorrow adopt the resolution agreed upon and suggest that the president order the suit dismissed.

The suit referred to is one instituted by the Federal Government to enforce the right of Japanese children. Schmitz received the following reply from the president:

"I thank you and congratulate the people of the United States and especially California on the outcome. I have directed the dismissal of the suit, to take place immediately upon the adoption of the resolutions by the board of education, as you request."

### DIXEY ENDS SEASON.

Suddenly Severs Connections With  
"Mon on the Box" Troupe.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Harry E. Dixey until recently the leading man of "The Man on the Box" Company returned here yesterday from the west, where he closed his season rather abruptly, according to William N. Lawrence, his manager. The telegraph messages from Ottumwa, Ia., where Mr. Dixey left the company, said that he and Miss Nordstrom, the leading lady quit without any explanation. Mr. Dixey denied this. He said he had told John E. Warner, traveling manager for Mr. Lawrence, several weeks ago that he wished to close the season.

Mr. Dixey said he was informed that the play had been booked for two weeks after the Kansas City engagement. The period ended at Ottumwa, last Saturday.